Animal Baby Names Matching Game

Have you ever wondered what you call a baby animal? Use the clues below to determine what baby name goes along with each animal. You will find a list of all the possible animal names at the end of the clues.

Even though most people do not think fondly of our flying mammal allies, bats, their offspring do share the same name as the young of man’s best friend. __________

Meerkats are known for building large underground tunnel systems to keep themselves and their young safe in Africa. Those tunnels do not come in a set ready to be put together, despite the name given to their offspring. __________

It is no laughing matter; the offspring of a goat might have a familiar sounding name to you youngsters. __________

Unlike the fluffy flightless young geese that hatch looking very different from their elders, the name of a baby goose is very similar to the one given their parents. __________

Young American bison look so different from their parents that their name actually includes the name of an entirely different species! __________

It is surprising that baby giraffes have a name that can also refer to a muscle in the human leg, when their legs are not known for having great muscle tone. __________

One thing you can say about a baby alligator, they have absolutely no problem coming out of their shell! __________

Despite not falling into the same family as felids, a baby hyena is called a name that might sound familiar to all you cool cats out there. __________
As a member of the lesser ape family, **gibbons** have a name for their young that is very familiar to us humans. 

The name given to baby **frogs** may sound like a made up word, but it is made of two parts that mean “head” and “to wiggle” - a great way to describe a young frog.

The name for a young **eagle** describes it to a T, one extra T to be exact.

A young **fish** is not the same thing as the side dish we usually think goes best with a hamburger, despite their name.

The baby **Madagascar hissing cockroach** shares its name with a creature in Greek mythology, but make no mistake, cockroaches are no made-up spirit!

Most **snakes** hatch from eggs, but some give birth to live young. Even though the word for this type of baby snake includes a person’s name in it, most people are not as excited to see a young snake as they would be seeing a friend by this name.

Not all young **condors** are girls, but the name for a baby condor can also be a word used to describe a female person.

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**Word Bank**

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Answer Key

Bat - **pup**
Meerkat - **kit**
Goat - **kid**
Goose - **gosling**
American Bison - **red dog**
Giraffe - **calf**
Alligator - **hatchling**
Hyena - **cub**

Gibbon - **baby**
Frog - **polliwog**
Eagle - **eaglet**
Fish - **fry**
Madagascar hissing Cockroach - **nymph**
Snake - **neonate**
Condor - **chick**